

Federal lease on behalf of a lessee, RSFA requires that the lessee certify to MMS, in writing, that a particular payor has been designated by the lessee to make such royalty and related payments to MMS on behalf of the lessee. RSFA made this payor designation requirement effective for lease production beginning September 1, 1996. We may require some payors to provide us information regarding the lessees on whose behalf they are paying if we need to inform those lessees that they must certify to MMS in writing their respective payors as their designees. We are asking lessees and payors (designees) to provide data required under RSFA so that we can fully implement the Act.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) maintains records of operating rights owners and lessees. To facilitate the collection of lessee and payor data described above, MMS is discussing with BLM their assistance in including language in the lease transfer instrument, when operating rights and/or lease record title transfers from one owner to another, notifying new operating rights and/or lease record title owners that they must file their written designation of payors with MMS. The form the lessee must file with MMS, the Designation of Royalty Payment Responsibility form, Form MMS-4425, will be available from the MMS Home Page on the Internet, from MMS offices directly, and perhaps from BLM offices also.

We estimate that 20,000 Designation of Royalty Payment Responsibility forms will be completed annually by 20,000 lessees and 2,500 payors (designees). We estimate that a lessee and a payor (designee) will take $\frac{3}{4}$ hour and $\frac{1}{4}$ hour, respectively, to complete this form. These estimates include time for learning requirements, research, lessee/payor contact and coordination, and preparation and transmission of the information to MMS. We estimate that the annual burden is 20,000 hours (20,000 forms \times $\frac{3}{4}$ hour + 20,000 forms \times $\frac{1}{4}$ hour), and that the annual cost is \$1,000,000 (20,000 hours \times \$50).

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Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Snake River Project, Arrowrock Dam Outlet Works Rehabilitation, Ada County, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), has scheduled public meetings to collect scoping input for the proposed rehabilitation of outlet works at Arrowrock Reservoir. These meetings will assist in determining issues associated with the project that will be evaluated in the environmental impact statement. The primary purposes of the proposed action are to correct deficiencies in the values, reduce the difficulty and environmental impacts of future inspection and maintenance of Arrowrock Dam's outlet works, and to provide increased operational flexibility.

DATES: The scoping meetings will be held on December 14, 1998, from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

Comments on the proposed project can be sent to the address below and will be accepted through December 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The scoping meetings will be held at The Natural Resources Center, 1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho.

Comments may be addressed to the Bureau of Reclamation, Snake River Area Office, 214 Broadway Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83702-7298.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Dunn, Natural Resource Specialist, at the above address or by telephone at (208) 334-9844.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement was published in the **Federal Register** on October 20, 1998 (63 FR 56047, October 20, 1998).

Arrowrock Dam is located on the Boise River, about 13 miles east of Boise, Idaho. Reclamation completed construction of the dam in 1915, and at that time it was the highest dam in the world. Arrowrock is one of three storage dams on the Boise River. Anderson Ranch Dam is located upstream of Arrowrock on the South Fork Boise River, and Lucky Peak Dam, constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is located on the Boise River downstream

of Arrowrock and impounds water up against Arrowrock Dam when full. Arrowrock Reservoir is operated for irrigation and flood control in combination with Anderson Ranch and Lucky Peak Reservoirs. In general, water is stored in Arrowrock Reservoir during the winter and spring, according to predicted runoff and flood control requirements, and released through the summer for irrigation.

The ensign valves controlling releases from Arrowrock Dam are the original valves installed in 1915. These valves have reached the end of their useful life, resulting in complex operational and maintenance concerns. Most of the valves have been damaged through prolonged use, and there is an increasing need for frequent inspection and repair. Three of the 10 ensign valves in the lower bank are no longer usable.

The existing ensign valves also limit Arrowrock Dam's operational flexibility. The lower bank of ensign valves cannot be used under high water pressure when the reservoir is full. This reduces the dam's capability to release water for flood control operations in years with high runoff.

Reclamation has developed a proposal to replace the 10 lower ensign valves with "clamshell gates." The clamshell gates would allow releases at any reservoir level, providing more operational flexibility. The remaining upper row of 10 ensign valves and the sluice gates at the base of the dam could be abandoned, which would significantly reduce maintenance. The clamshell gates would be designed to allow inspection and maintenance without the need for dewatering.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Regional Community Policing Institute Surveys: Pre-test and Post-test.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 12, 1999. Written comments and suggestions from the